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1. SINCE REF A CONTAINS WHAT THE POLES WILL PROBABLY REGARD AS A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE U.S. POSITION, WE BELIEVE IT ADVISABLE TO LEAVE AN AIDE-MEMOIRE WHEN WE INFORM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OF ITS CONTENTS. WE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING.

BEGIN TEXT A. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT VIEWS THE INITIATION OF TALKS BETWEEN THE POLISH GOVERNMENT AND THE FOREIGN BONDHOLDERS' PROTECTIVE COUNCIL IN SEPTEMBER, 1974, AS A POSITIVE FIRST STEP IN THE DIRECTION OF THE RESOLUTION OF ISSUES CONCERNING THE DANZIG BONDS.

B. AS THE MINISTRY IS AWARE, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS SYMPATHETIC TO THE RELEASE TO POLAND OF THE GOLD DUE TO DANZIG BY THE TRIPARTITE GOLD COMMISSION, BUT HAS HELD THAT THE RELEASE MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY CONCRETE STEPS TOWARD A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION ON THE DANZIG BONDS.

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C. BY "CONCRETE STEPS," WE MEAN A WRITTEN UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN THE POLISH GOVERNMENT AND THE FOREIGN BONDHOLDERS' PROTECTIVE COUNCIL, WHICH WOULD SET FORTH EITHER A FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THE BOND ISSUE OR AN INTERIM SETTLEMENT PROVIDING THE TERMS OF A FINAL SETTLEMENT.

D. ONCE THIS STEP IS TAKEN, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO SUGGEST TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND FRANCE THAT THE THREE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS, BY MEANS OF IDENTICAL NOTES, REQUEST THE TRIPARTITE GOLD COMMISSION TO REVIEW ITS DECISION OF JUNE 19, 1958, AND AGREE TO NEW DISCUSSIONS LOOKING TOWARDS THE TRANSFER OF THE GOLD TO THE POLISH GOVERNMENT. END TEXT

2. EMBASSY REQUESTS THE DEPARTMENT'S CONCURRENCE IN OR SUGGESTIONS FOR MODIFICATION OF THE PROPOSED AIDE-MEMOIRE.
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